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FOR RED, PASS TO ROBERT CRAWFORD

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SUBJ: GROUP TRAVEL: U.S. COUNCIL FOR S.E. ASIAN TRADE  
AND INVESTMENT

REF: A) BANGKOK 5679

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1. EMBOFF MET APRIL 29 WITH ABDUL RACHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR SEATI COUNCIL JAKARTA VISIT. RACHMAN SAID HE WELL REMEMBERED 1973 VISIT OF FIFTY-MAN INVESTMENT TEAM TO DISCUSS "INNOVATIVE METHODS OF FINANCING AND ASSISTING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS" IN INDONESIA (REF A PARA 2). GOI, HE SAID, FROM PRESIDENTSUHARTO ON DOWN, SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT ON THAT MISSION WHICH, SO FAR AS HE COULD SEE, HAD PRODUCED FEW IF ANY CONCRETE RESULTS. (TO EMBOFF'S COMMENT THAT HUGHES AIRCRAFT REP HAD BEEN ON TEAM, RACHMAN REJOINED THAT HUGHES PROPOSAL FOR DOMESTIC SATELLITE PROJECT CONSIDERABLY PREDATED 1973 TEAM VISIT.) INITIAL INCLINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, WAS TO DECLINE TOH  
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2. NEVERTHELESS, RACHMAN WENT ON, HE WAS PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT MINISTER SALIM AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS GENERAL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SEATAI BOARD -- BUT ON CONDITION THEY COULD EXPECT TO HEAR FROM BOARD A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF "INNOVATIVE METHODS OF FINANCING ETC." WHICH HAVE RESULTED FROM 1973 VISIT (OR EXPLANATION OF WHY NONE HAVE RESULTED), PLUS BOARD'S CONSTRUCTIVE AND SPECIFIC THOUGHTS LOOKING TO FUTURE. IN OTHER WORDS, GOI WILL EXPECT FULL ACCOUNTING FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON WHAT SEATAI'S RESPONSE HAS BEEN TO CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH GOI TOOK PAINS TO OUTLINE FOR TEAM IN 1973. ONLY ON THIS BASIS, RACHMAN SAID, WOULD COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT BE INTERESTED IN SEEING GROUP.

3. EMBOFF PROMISED TO RELAY FOREGOING TO SEATAI MISSION THROUGH CRAWFORD. TENTATIVELY, PROGRAM AT COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SET UP FOR MORNING MAY 15. OBVIOUSLY, IN LIGHT RACHMAN'S COMMENTS, MISSION SHOULD EXPECT TOUGH QUESTIONS AND ABSENCE GOI RED CARPET TREATMENT.

4. REST OF PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED ROUGHLY AS PER EMBASSY TALKS WITH CRAWFORD. WE ARE PLANNING SET UP SEATI-HOSTED RECEPTION AT BOROBUDUR EVENING OF MAY 15. FOR WHICH RACHMAN PROMISED SUGGEST PARTIAL GUEST LIST (ESTIMATE TOTAL 50-60). REQUEST ADVANCE OF ABOUT \$150 FROM CRAWFORD TO COVER INVITATIONS AND OTHER COSTS WE MAY INCUR PRIOR GROUP'S ARRIVAL.  
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